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PARTICLE MANIPULATION UNIT, CHIP AND DETECTION DEVICE HAVING THE SAME MOUNTED THEREON, AND METHODS OF SEPARATING, CAPTURING AND DETECTING PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 2, 2005

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.